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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3 - 12 are in the application for consideration. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments made in the claims and the remarks appearing below herein.

1. The objections to claims 5 and 7 - 12 for containing informalities are believed to have been overcome, by the amendments made in the claims. Claim 5 has been amended as suggested by the examiner. The terms used in claims 7 - 12, as amended, have proper antecedent basis in the claims from which they depend.

2. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 01-031663 ("Saito et al.").

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. in view of JP 61-003765 ("Shimizu et al.").

These grounds of rejection are moot in view of the amendments made in the claims.

3. Claims 2 -4 and 6 -12 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of claim 2, now canceled. As amended, claim 1 now recites, in pertinent part:

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a third roller located adjacent and parallel to said print head and adapted to further correct said curvature of said print media path.

Saito et al. and Shimizu et al., viewed individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the thermal printer assembly of amended claim 1 or claims 3 - 5 which are dependent thereon, either directly or indirectly.

Claim 6, which has been amended to be independent and to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 1, now recites, *inter alia*, a thermal printer assembly including two thermal print heads with their associated platen rollers. The references do not teach or suggest the thermal printer assembly of amended claim 6 or claims 7 - 12 which are dependent thereon.

In summary, claims 1, and 3 - 12 are in the application for consideration. The claims are proper in form for allowance and in substance are directed to a wholly novel and patentable thermal printer assembly. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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